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FOR THE SECRDTARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LEBANON

REF: STATE 84716

THE FOLLOWING IS A LETTER TO AMBASSADOR DATED APRIL 12
FROM FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD IN REPLY TO REFTEL.

BEGIN TEXT

1. I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER DATED APRIL 3, 1976, TO CROWN
PRINCE FAHD AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONVEY TO HIS
EXCELLENCY THE SECRETARY OF STATE DOCTOR KISSINGER THE
THANKS OF THE CROWN PRINCE AND MYSELF FOR HIS SOLICITUDE
IN INFORMING US OF THE OBSERVATIONS OF THE US GOVERNMENT
ON THE LEBANESE SITUATION AND ALSO ON THE LEVELS OF
CONTACTS AMBASSADOR DEAN BROWN HAS MADE IN LEBANON.

2. HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IS FOLLOWING THE SITUATION
IN LEBANON WITH INTENSE CONCERN AND HAS INVITED ALL THE
PARTIES CONCERNED TO RESTRAIN THEMSELVES AND SPARE
LEBANON FORM DESTRUCTION. HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT
BELIEVES THAT EFFORTS MUST BE INTENSIFIED TO ADHERE TO
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THE CEASEFIRE, TO STOP THE FIGHTING, AND TO GIVE A CHANCE
TO EFFORTS TO ARRIVE AT A POLITICAL SOLUTION WHICH WILL
CONTRIBUTE TO A RETURN TO STABILITY AND WILL PRESERVE
LEBANESE UNITY, SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE. HIS MAJESTY'S

GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT THE EFFORTS OF THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT AND OF AMBASADOR BROWN IN THIS REGARD ARE CROWNED WITH SUCCESS.

3. HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THE EVENTS IN LEBANON ARE WORSENING THE DISTURBED SITUATION THE ENTIRE AREA IS GOING THROUGH AS A RESULT OF THE SLOWDOWN OF THE LABORIOUS EFFORTS TO CREATE A SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT ESTEEMS GREATLY THE EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO PREVENT ISRAELI INTERFERENCE IN LEBANESE AFFAIRS. IT BELIEVES THAT ISRAELI INTERVENTION WILL BEAR DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES SPREADING THROUGH THE WHOLE REGION AND WILL NEGATE ALL THE POSITIVE EFFORTS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS MADE TO ENABLE THE BROTHERS OF THE REGION TO REACH A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. IN ADDITION, THE USSR WILL WIN RENEWED INFLUENCE AT THE EXPENSE OF US INTERESTS AND AT THE EXPENSE OF SECURITY AND STABILITY IN THE REGION. BEST PERSONAL GOOD WISHES. (SIGNED SAUD AL FAISAL. END TEXT
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